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Media Release

Date: September 8, 2020
Case: TI20-17777
Offense Date/Time: September 6, 2020, 9:40 p.m.
Classification: Domestic Battery, Obstruction, Felony Driving While Licensed Suspended/Revoked, and Violation of Probation – In Custody Death
Offense Location: 111 104th Avenue, Treasure Island, Florida
180 108th Avenue Treasure Island, Florida

Treasure Island Police Officers responded to 111 104th Avenue in Treasure Island, for a domestic disturbance.

Treasure Island Police Department officers conducted an investigation into the complaint and arrested 33-year-old Donnie Brownlow Jr. for Domestic Battery, Obstruction, Felony Driving While Licensed Suspended/Revoked, and Violation of Probation.

After officers took Brownlow into custody, he was transported to the Treasure Island Police Department located at 180 108th Avenue to wait for a jail transport van. Detectives say while being escorted to the transport van and in handcuffs, Brownlow broke free from the officer, ran toward Boca Ciega Bay and jumped into the water.

Paramedics from the Treasure Island Fire Department pulled Brownlow from the water and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Brownlow was transported to the Palms of Pasadena Hospital where he was pronounced deceased at about 9:40 p.m.

His death does not appear to be suspicious in nature.

The Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death.

Next of kin has been notified.

This is currently an open investigation.